

### Crib-Biting.

This very unpleasant habit is not so serious a defect as many writers and practitioners would have us believe. The producing causes of crib-biting are various. It is often the result of imitating a companion standing in the adjacent stall who has acquired the habit. In many instances it is in consequence of keeping the animal standing in his stall from day to day. The highly bred and spirited horse, when fed liberal quantities of succulent and nourishing food, must be in some mischief when his time is not employed. It is caused in some instances in young colts by partial starvation, or by not keeping sufficient provender before the animal when confined in the stable to allow him to pick it over at will. In consequence of this neglect in his stable management, he acquires the habit of cribbing on the manger. It is also the result of feeding unsound and consequently unpalatable diet, which no horse will eat unless forced to it from starvation. Lastly, it is occasionally caused by the groom dressing his spirited charger in his stall or other narrow compartment connected with his stable, where he can at will bite on the partition walls located on either side of him; and this biting at anything within reach may often be observed in a spirited and nervous horse when the brush or rubbing cloth is applied to his body or legs by his groom. In the early stage of the acquired habit of crib-biting, rubbing common yellow bar-soap on the top of the manger-rail daily will often prove an efficacious remedy, or nailing a fresh sheepskin, flesh side up, on the top and outside edge of the manger will have the same effect. But when the acquired habit of crib-biting is firmly established there is no radical cure for it. All that can be accomplished is to prevent it, which can be done in either of the following ways: First, buckle a strap one inch wide right round the neck; this will compress the windpipe and prevent the possibility of its action, which is required before the horse can exercise his acquired habit of cribbing. But the strap to be effective must be constantly worn, and its constant pressure upon the windpipe is very liable to produce a worse affection, viz., an active irritation in the last-named organ, which evidently must terminate in roaring; second, by removing the manger entirely and letting the animal pick his provender off the floor, feeding him his grain food out of a nose-bag, nailing sheet-iron the full width on the four sides of his stall, commencing two and a half feet from the floor and letting it extend upward; third, by placing on him a bar-muzzle made of strong wire, with the bars sufficiently wide apart to allow him to pick his hay but not to crib. This should be worn constantly when standing, except when removed to place the nose-bag on his head.—N. Y. World.

[St. Louis Republican.]

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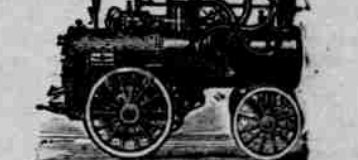


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